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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AMSPEC ON LABOR: SABY NEHAMA

REF: (A) STATE 060613, (B) TEGUCIGALPA 1234, (C) STATE 052928,  
(D) TEGUCIGALPA 1020

1. WHILE APPRECIATING THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERNS AS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL A AND RELATED CORRESPONDENCE, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COOPERATION IN EMBASSY REQUEST FOR AMSPEC ON LABOR, SABY NEHAMA, AS OUTLINED IN REFTELS B AND D.

2. IN ORDER TO BE RESPONSIVE TO REFTEL A, THE INFORMATION REQUESTED FOLLOWS: MR. NEHAMA WILL BE UTILIZED TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING TO CAREFULLY SELECTED GROUPS OF THE DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION LEADERSHIP IN HONDURAS TO BE CHOSEN BY AIFLD CPD AND CELEO GONZALEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH COAST LABOR FEDERATION. SUCH TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A SMALL SEMINAR/CONVERSATION BASIS WITH NO MORE THAN FIVE DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION LEADERS AT ANY GIVEN TIME. A SERIES OF SUCH SEMINARS -- EACH OF SEVERAL HOURS DURATION -- WILL PROVIDE THE IN-DEPTH TRAINING EXPECTED OF MR. NEHAMA. THESE SEMINARS WILL CONCENTRATE ON BASIC TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION AND CONTROL. MR. NEHAMA HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED TO THIS MISSION BY THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE AIFLD. THE FOCUS OF THE SEMINARS TO BE OFFERED BY MR.

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NEHAMA WOULD BE ON INTERNAL, ORGANIZATIONAL TACTICS, MUCH

AS AN ECONOMIST WOULD OFFER SEMINARS IN HONDURAS ON THE TECHNIQUES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE AUDIENCE IN THIS CASE WILL BE KEY MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HONDURAN CAMPESINOS, THE CONFEDERATION OF HONDURAN WORKERS, THE UNITED BRAND'S WORKERS' UNION, THE STANDARD FRUIT COMPANY WORKERS' UNION, THE NORTH COAST LABOR FEDERATION, AND THE TEGUCIGALPA-BASED LABOR FEDERATION. SUCH ACTIVITIES/SEMINARS, CONDUCTED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTRY PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR AIFLD IN COOPERATION WITH CELEO GONZALEZ WHO HAS EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN SUCH A PROGRAM -- SHOULD NOT GENERATE ADVERSE PUBLICITY FOR EITHER THIS MISSION OR THE AMSPEC PROGRAM.

3. POST IS WILLING TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM FY-77 HONDURAS COUNTRY CU ALLOTMENT, SINCE THE PROPOSED VISIT OF MR. NEHAMA IS REGARDED AS MORE IMPORTANT FOR U.S. INTERESTS THAN PROPOSED LEADER GRANTS. HOWEVER, CONSIDERING THAT HONDURAS HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN AN AMSPEC GRANT IN SEVERAL YEARS, WE FEEL THAT FUNDING SHOULD COME FROM CU'S AMSPEC FUNDS. MR. NEHAMA'S HONORARIUM SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED DIRECTLY WITH HIM THROUGH MR. JESSE FRIEDMAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AIFLD IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

4. THE PROGRAM OUTLINED COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE ON THE FUTURE OF THE HONDURAN DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENT, WHICH IN TURN WILL HAVE AN EVENTUAL EFFECT UPON THE GENERAL DIRECTION WHICH THIS COUNTRY WILL TAKE VIS-A-VIS U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS. THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO COUNTER WHAT THIS MISSION HAS ATTEMPTED TO FLAG AS A DEVELOPING THREAT TO THOSE INTERESTS. IF THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO SUGGEST A MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ACCOMPLISHING THIS OBJECTIVE, THE MISSION WOULD WELCOME ITS PROPOSALS.  
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